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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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In response to the Office Action dated November 13, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, line 9 with the following paragraph:

91 Figure 12 is a perspective view of the shelf support system shown in Figure 9.

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, line 4 with the following paragraph:

92 Underside channel 26 extends underneath barrier portion 58 along the entire plate outer periphery 56. A sealing adhesive 60 occupies underside channel 26 and frame 18 is adhered to plate second surface 54. Overflow channels 62 on either side of underside channel 26 contain overflow of sealing adhesive 60, or, alternatively are also filled with sealing adhesive 60 to form a triple seal frame. Sealing adhesive 60 is one of several suitable adhesives known in the art, including, but not limited to, RTV (room temperature vulcanization) silicones with adequate adhesion and non-corrosive properties. Thus, a seal extends around containment area 20 (Figure 1) and contains spilled liquid within barrier portion 58.